



# North American Aerospace Defense Command

## Biography

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### **LIEUTENANT-GENERAL E. A. Findley, CMM, MSC, CD CANADIAN FORCES**



Lieutenant-General Eric A. "Rick" Findley is Deputy Commander, North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD).

Born in Ottawa, Ontario in 1950, Lieutenant-General Findley entered the Canadian Forces in 1968. Trained as a pilot, he flew with 408 Squadron, Edmonton; 444 Squadron, Lahr, Germany; 403 Squadron, Gagetown; and 427 Squadron, Petawawa. During peacekeeping operations, he commanded and flew with United Nations (UN) and Multinational Force and Observer aviation (MFO) units in the Sinai, Central America, and Haiti. The logbook reflects over 4600 flying hours, primarily in helicopters. He has commanded at the flight, squadron (427 Squadron), and wing level (7 Wing/CFB Ottawa). He has commanded two Canadian peacekeeping contingents, and served as Chief of Staff for the MFO.

Staff experience for Lieutenant-General Findley includes service as Senior Staff Officer Plans, Doctrine, and Requirements with HQ 10 Tactical Air Group; Staff Officer in the Directorate of Peacekeeping Operations and National Defence Operations Centre at National Defence Headquarters; Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Defence Staff at National Defence Headquarters; Chief of Staff for Personnel, Training, and Reserves (A1) at Air Command Headquarters and 1 Canadian Air Division; Chief of Staff for Operations (A3) at 1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region; and Director of Combat Operations (NJ3) at HQ NORAD.

Education and training includes a Bachelor of Science in Biology, Carleton University; Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, Toronto; French Language Training, Montreal; Royal College of Defence Studies, London, UK; Combined Force Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, US.

Awards and decorations include Commander in the Order of Military Merit, Meritorious Service Cross for action taken during terrorist attacks of 11 Sep 01, Special Service Medal for duty in NATO, Peacekeeping Medals from UN missions in Central America and Haiti, the MFO medal for service in the peacekeeping mission in Egypt/Israel, the Canadian Peacekeeping Medal, and the Canadian Decoration.

Lieutenant-General Findley assumed his current position on 14 Jul 2003. He is married to the former Carla Ryan of Greenwood, Nova Scotia.

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